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GERMANY OFFERS SAFETY TO AMERICAN SHIPPING

American Merchant Ships Prepare to Mount Defensive Guns

Action of U.S. Came With an Unexpected Suddenness

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, Via London, Feb. 12.—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable, or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found.

There now is a desire on the part of the authorities and a vast bulk of the people to avoid actual hostilities in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such a way.

Accordingly instructions were given, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, to submarine commanders before they started on their February mission, to take the safe side when neutral vessels, particularly Americans, were in question, wherever possible. Enemy merchantmen, when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral merchantmen were to be warned when such action in their judgment was consistent with the object of the campaign and safety of their own ships.

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also that if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American lives or ships would be regarded as an act of hostility a casus belli must sooner or later—probably sooner, on account of the number of Americans on enemy ships. Moreover, there was the discretionary nature of the instructions to submarine commanders who were informed that while the careful course toward neutrals was recommended and desired, they

FEWER LOSSES BY SUBMARINES

ONLY TWO SHIPS IN TWO DAYS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS BY LLOYDS

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Sallagh has been sunk. This may refer to the British steamer Salaga, of 3811 tons gross, owned by Elder-Dempster & Company of Liverpool. She has been in the British government service.

Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamer Netherlee, 4000 tons, which departed from Philadelphia on January 21st for Dunkirk.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11TH

Rocky Mountain and plateau regions, moderate temperature and generally fair weather, although local snows are probable over the northern parts of this district at the beginning of the week.

REPORTERS MADE GOATS FOR LEAK

ANOTHER SESSION OF THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE FOR WEDNESDAY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The house rules committee will make a report on its "leak" investigation during the last of the week. Hearings, particularly directed to private wire houses, will be resumed in New York Wednesday.

Present indications are that there will be a majority and minority report. Some committee members are convinced that the two newspaper men who have admitted advising brokers in advance of the coming of the president's peace note, constitutes whatever "leak" there was.

Wednesday Congress will meet in joint session to count the electoral vote of the November election for president and vice-president of the United States.

would no longer be subjected to punishment for departing from their former procedure of warning, if they found this advisable. It is considered that the only possibility of the avoidance of hostilities would result from a modification of its standpoint by one or the other sides, and so far as could be judged from the positive declarations of Alfred Zimmerman, the German minister of foreign affairs and other officials before the Associated Press correspondent's departure from Berlin, there was no probability that Germany would give this time or abandon the ruthless campaign now started. German-American relations again and again have passed through crises apparently almost hopeless, but this time the crisis is more difficult than the former ones and even the optimist can scarcely see any peaceful egress out of the impasse.

From a neutral cable office it now is possible to tell the story of the development of the present crisis on which the most rigid censorship has been applied in Germany.

To the observer in Berlin, the approach of the crisis has been plainly and definitely evident since the rejection of Germany's peace overtures. Information as to Germany's definite decision to start a sharpened submarine war, and even the form it would take, namely, a blockade of

specified regions (though the idea of a prohibited zone) was later substituted for that of a "blockade" at the request of the naval authorities, who anticipated possible formal objections under the blockade regulations) was received by the Associated Press almost on the morrow of Ambassador Gerard's speech on German-American good relations, delivered at the banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade early in January.

A week later it was stated that a full decision on the subject had not been reached and that the campaign would not be launched until after further consultations with Germany's allies and the receipt of certain information from Count von Bernstorff and Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, respectively German and Austro-Hungarian ambassadors to the United States of their concept of armed merchantmen and their liability to attack as war ships.

The final decision on an out-and-out submarine campaign of a so-called ruthless type, apparently was taken at the grand Austro-German conference at German headquarters at the German emperor's birthday though the Associated Press heard the statement that submarines departing several days earlier for stations on the submarine hunting

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NO REWARD TO BE PAID ON MOONEY

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—It is announced that nobody will get the \$10,000 reward offered for the apprehension of persons responsible for the bomb explosion. The police department built up the case bit by bit. The claims of the Sacramento police, who advised them to look up Billings and Mooney, are not entitled to the reward.

EXCLUDING SPIES FROM CANAL ZONE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The president signed an executive order today empowering the governor to exclude spies and other undesirable persons from the Canal Zone. The order gives almost unlimited power to the governor to regulate immigration there.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY TENDERED HONOR

With the exception of the Fourth of July, when there is no school anyhow, the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington are generally conceded to be the days most worthy of commemoration by school children, but they are not, in the omniscience of the state legislature, provided for as school holidays. Superintendent Dilworth, of the Tonopah public schools, who is a law unto himself, one that no one has yet thought of repealing or declaring unconstitutional, because of the weight of public sentiment behind him and the proven legality of his acts, made this—Lincoln's birthday—a one-fourth holiday anyhow, dismissing classes at 2:15. Sandwiched in between lectures and recitations were patriotic exercises in the various class rooms. Flags were

SIGNS OF BATTLE WASHED ASHORE ON BRAZIL COAST

WRECKAGE AND WIRELESS AP. PARATUS INDICATE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

(By Associated Press.) PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, Feb. 12.—During the last few days a considerable amount of wreckage has been washed ashore on the coast near the mouth of the Paranaiba. The wreckage includes wireless apparatus, a tin box containing a small quantity of cylinders filled with an explosive substance, planks and cans of provisions.

There have been recent reports from Pernambuco of firing heard at sea off the Brazilian coast, as if a naval engagement were in progress.

CARRANZA NOMINATES AN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Ignacio Bonillas, one of Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American commission, was named today ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

An adlet in the Bonanza is the best investment.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO		
	1917	1916
5 a. m.	33	31
9 a. m.	33	34
12 noon	38	37
2 p. m.	42	43
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	today, 39 per cent.	

REHEARING FOR WHITE SLAVERS

COUNSEL RAISES NEW LAW POINTS IN THE DREW-CAMINETTI CASE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Former Senator Bailey, counsel for Drew and Caminetti, filed a petition in the Supreme Court today for a rehearing to reverse conviction. He asserts the law as construed by the courts is a regulation of morals, and not commerce, as intended, and is an interference with state power beyond Congressional authority.

FIRE AT EL PASO BURNS ARMY HAY

TWENTY CARLOADS OF FODDER CONSUMED IN RAILROAD YARDS

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 12.—Fire destroyed the El Paso sash and door factory and yards, burned 20 El Paso & Southwestern Railroad freight cars, containing hay for the United States army and damaged the lumber yards of the Galbraith-Foxworth Lumber Company here last night. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Fireman Earl Youant was injured when the motor fire truck upon which he was riding to the fire skidded and struck a telephone pole. The fire burned practically all day.

OVER THE SIERRAS BY CAR IN WINTER

PATHFINDER CAR ARRIVES IN SACRAMENTO FROM CARSON IN SHORT TIME

(By Associated Press.) SACRAMENTO, Feb. 12.—Carrying a message from the governor of Nevada to Governor Johnson, four Nevadans, headed by State Senator Keddle, arrived after crossing the Sierra Nevadas by automobile in 26 hours actual running time. The message was delivered before noon. Ted Saude, Hal A. Stone of Reno, and D. E. Hart, of Carson, accompanied the bearer. The car went from Carson City to Reno, to Beekwith Pass, to Quincy, to Twain, thence on the Western Pacific rails to Oroville, and finished on the state highway. The object was to demonstrate the feasibility of a national defense highway connecting the state.

TREASURY BUYS IN GOLD COINS

GOVERNMENT BEGINS TO HOARD YELLOW METAL BY PAYING PREMIUM

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The treasury is planning to bring much of the gold coin circulating on the Pacific slope to the bank vaults by having the government redeem the coins at face value instead of weight for 90 days. It is estimated it will cost the government \$100,000 to redeem the gold.

NO MODIFICATION OF POLICY EXPECTED BY KEEN OBSERVERS NOW WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The state department has made public the memorandum from Germany presented by the Swiss minister proposing a discussion over submarine warfare. Germany proposes to negotiate for the safety of American shipping provided the "commercial blockade" of England is not interfered with.

The United States replied that it cannot negotiate unless Germany restores the Sussex pledges and withdraws from unrestricted submarine warfare.

The state department in a statement explained that he received an oral suggestion last Saturday from the Swiss minister that Germany was willing to negotiate. At the request of the secretary, the suggestion was made in writing and presented Sunday night.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 12.—An important conference at headquarters has been called by Emperor William, presumably to discuss the submarine question.

THIRTY CITIZENS ON BRITISH SHIP BUT ALL SURVIVE

SINKING OF JAPANESE PRINCE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY LOSS OF LIFE

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Japanese Prince, with many Americans on board, which was sunk by a German submarine, was torpedoed without warning. All the crew were landed, the dispatch adds. A torpedo struck the vessel amidships, with a terrific explosion. The crew took to the boats and were picked up within an hour. Many were injured by the explosion, but none fatally.

The 75 men aboard the ship, including 30 American cattlemen, were saved.

JOE CANNON ONLY OLD GUARD LEFT

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Appropriate exercises will be held by Congress to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Joe Cannon will speak tonight before a patriotic society on reminiscences of Lincoln. Cannon is the only man now in Congress who was intimate with Lincoln.

AMBASSADOR GERARD ARRIVES AT ZURICH

(By Associated Press.) ZURICH, Feb. 12.—Gerard's party was genuinely relieved on arriving at the Swiss border. The strain was heightened in Berlin during the last days by Germany's efforts to induce Gerard to open negotiations for an amendment to the Prussian-American treaty.

German newspapers were flooded with reports of the seizure of German ships by America, and the alleged difficulties and indignities von Bernstorff encountered.

tion, says the Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent today.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, and high army and navy officials will attend and it is reported, the possibility of negotiations with neutrals for modifying terms of the recent German memorial will be discussed.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—American shipowners who have been holding their vessels in port because of inability to obtain guns for defense against submarines probably will have their difficulty solved in a few days. Strong intimations are given in official quarters that while the government will not actually arm merchantmen, or even formally advise arming, a way will be found to put weapons at the disposal of owners who desire to prepare for defense against illegal attack.

The enforced idleness of the American merchant fleet is being viewed with growing disquietude and the general view here is that not only the export trade, but the nation's standing before the world, demands that American vessels continue to ply the high seas without regard to the German proclamation, which the government has repudiated with the most severe means in its power short of war.

The German proposal, delivered to the state department Saturday, that means be discussed of preventing the break in relations from resulting in war apparently has struck no responsive chord. No official would indicate today whether a reply already had been given but there was no disposal to deny that the proposal had been made, or that the American government regarded it as an effort on the part of Germany to beg off the issue. It was made clear everywhere in government circles that there was nothing to discuss unless Germany desired to stop abridging American rights and illegally menacing American life.

In connection with the German suggestion, special interest is attached to cable dispatches announcing that Emperor William had called a conference, presumably to discuss the submarine campaign and the position of neutrals. It was suggested that out of the conference might come something more tangible than the mere oral suggestion that Germany would like to discuss means of preventing the addition of another nation to her long list of enemies.

What has been done so far is construed only as an attempt to place upon the United States the appearance of belligerency, to bewilder public opinion here and divide the country.

Whether any sort of answer, beyond a mere acknowledgment to the Swiss minister, who presented the suggestion yesterday will be made is uncertain, as that matter rests entirely with President Wilson. Opinions differ, some believing it wiser to ignore the negotiation entirely. It is probable that a summary of the present submarine campaign with a list of the sinkings without warning, and the loss of lives may be submitted as further showing why the United States and other neutrals believe Germany's course outside the bounds of law.

The fact that only one vessel was destroyed in the war zone yesterday, and that the number has been growing smaller daily, has modified the views of those who thought the new campaign might completely isolate England. Reports from British sources that only less than 90 vessels out of 1100 going to and from England had been destroyed since the campaign started are regarded as significant as to the success of the undersea warfare to date.

VILLA APPROACHING AMERICAN BORDER

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, N. M., Feb. 12.—Villa troops have occupied Twin Windmills, 26 miles south of the border line gate, according to Carranza customs officials. Other sources reported a Villa drive toward the border. All horses and other stock are being commandeered, the Villistas giving receipts for the property.

BUTLER THEATRE

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